



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Director

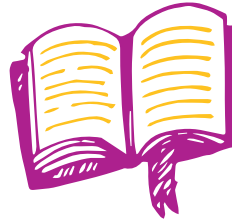
Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a well-rested winter break. With that being said, we are off to a great start here in term 2.

We are approaching our Winter Map testing. Testing will begin on Monday, February 4th, 2019. I'm excited to see how much growth MMLA student will show. They've been working very hard and this assessment will show it!

Remember, it is so important to encourage your child to read. Here are some tips to help them out. Help your

child choose an age appropriate book on a topic they are interested in. Take them to the library or even show them e-readers that provide entire libraries of options at the touch of the screen. Reach out to your child's teacher if you need any support with materials.



Have a fantastic weekend!

- Mr. Tomlinson, Deputy Director

## Academic Update

Welcome back! It is great to have everyone back in the building and the sounds of active learning filling the school.

Before the break, the students worked extremely hard on their end of term finals. This effort paid off and they were able to finish out the term strong. We hope to see this effort continue throughout the entire second term and to have even more students step up to the plate. Report cards were mailed this past Monday, so hopefully you have received those by now.

This week, your student also received their second term exam schedule. You will likely notice that there are fewer exams scheduled than there were first term, especially late in the term for our older students. This is to help provide us the time needed to review and remediate gaps that exist before students take all the end of year assessments—MAP, M-STEP, and finals. Having this time will allow students to complete retakes of exams they did not do well on as well, which should lead to a strong finish to the year.

Finally, as we get back into the full swing of school mode, please remember the importance of homework, reading and general practicing of skills. Completing the tasks assigned, reading nightly and practicing math facts will help your student be more successful on their exams and, therefore, feel better about school in general. I'm looking forward to a great term 2. Together we can make it the best one yet!

- Mrs. Rooker, AQC

## Spirit Week: January 21-25

<b>Monday</b> 21 No School MLK Jr. Day	<b>Tuesday</b> 22 Inside Out Day <small>WEAR YOUR UNIFORM INSIDE OUT AND/OR BACKWARDS</small>	<b>Wednesday</b> 23 Beauty & The Beast Day <small>DRESS UP OR DOWN</small>	<b>Thursday</b> 24 Superhero Day <small>DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO REAL OR IMAGINARY</small>	<b>Friday</b> 25 Purple & Gold Day <small>WEAR MMLA COLORS</small>
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## Student Life Organization®

Greetings wonderful supporters of MMLA!

What a great time of year! We are back at school and things are humming along well!

In SLO we have begun new clubs and are making the most of our year. Some of our clubs include Yoga, Legos, Spanish 101, and Hip Hop Dance! Please ask your 4-8 student what they are doing and what fun they had at school.

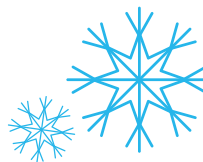
We are looking forward to our February Title I Family Literacy Night and Valentine's Semi-Formal Dance! Like the fall we will

have activities for all students, dinner, and a dance to get our groove on! (I was even told that I would be allowed to dance! So I am particularly excited!)

If you want to help with this fun night please let us know and we will put you to a task, or if you have Valentines decorations we can use please send them in to the SLO office. Thanks in advance.

I hope you all are having a great beginning to 2019 and keep with those resolutions!

- Mr. Yates, SLC



## Upcoming Events

- Jan 18: \$1 Dress Down Day
- Jan 21: School Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 22-26: Spirit Week
- Feb 11: Board Meeting 5 PM
- Feb 13: Spring Count Day, Free Dress Down Day for All!
- Feb 14: No Boys & Girls Club, No Aftercare
- Feb 14: Title I Family Literacy Night, **BOOK GIVEAWAY** & Semi-Formal Valentine's Dance - All Grades! 4:30-7 PM
- Feb 18: School Closed, President's Day
- Feb 18: Board Meeting 6 PM
- Feb 22: \$1 Dress Down Day
- Feb 22: Black History Program in the MMLA Gym 1:30 PM
- Feb 25 - Mar 1: No School, Mid-Winter Break
- Mar 4: Classes Resume

No February Taco Tuesday Parent Night - Next Parent Meeting March 12



School Notices including Closings and Delays will be posted on the MMLA Facebook Page. Visit [www.facebook.com/MMLA.SABIS](http://www.facebook.com/MMLA.SABIS)



The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is excited to welcome the community to our MMLA Black History Program. This event is free and open to the public. Our program is scheduled for 1:30 PM on Friday, February 22, 2019 in the MMLA Gym. We are so thrilled to welcome you to campus to celebrate with our students.

We are still looking for gently used

January 2019						
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February 2019						
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**School Closed:** No staff report

**No school:** Calendar staff report per working days\*

**Professional Development Day:** No students

**Half Day:** Dismissal at Noon (12pm)

\* MMLA Board of Directors Meetings

childrens dress clothing to support the MMLA Valentine's Semi-Formal Dance. You can drop off items here at MMLA any day that we are in school.

If you're in need of semi-formal clothes for your child to attend the dance please look for the RSVP letter going home in the next couple of weeks. Families that RSVP and express a need for one or more of their students we will be able to have these students browse our clothing closet for a special look for the big dance!

Basketball for grades 4-8 begins this month. Please stay on the look out for more information on how you can support the MMLA Lions! All games will be played at the Westside YMCA located 3700 Old Lansing Road.

For more information about the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy please contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell, Jr. at [ecaldwell@sabis.net](mailto:ecaldwell@sabis.net) or 517 - 827 -1276.

## Crush Grams

MMLA's annual February Fundraiser will be supporting the Valentine's Day Semi-Formal this year! Crush Grams will be for sale Tuesdays & Thursdays for **\$1 each** and you can send as many as you like! All Crush Grams include a Valentine Card and a choice of Crush Soda Pop or Bag of Chips. Parents can send them too - just stop in the main office in the morning on a sale day.

Sale Dates: Jan 22, Jan 24, Jan 29, Jan 31, Feb 5 and Feb 7. Crush Grams will be delivered to students on Thursday, February 14 during the last hour of the school day.



## Project Return

Project Return Forms were sent home today. Please complete these forms and return them to school by February 8.

**If your plans for next school year are unknown still return this form by the deadline of Feb. 8** with your best approximation to your plans.

When you select "returning" a spot will be saved for your child for the next school year. Please understand that if you select "not returning" there may not be a space available for your child and you will have to re-apply to MMLA and placed on a wait list.

## Book Giveaway

**February 14 at 4:30 PM**

As part of our Title I Family Literacy Night, all families who attend the event will receive a book to read at home!

In addition to the book giveaway we will have literacy activities including Sight-Word BINGO, Build-A-Storybook, Buddy Reading, and a Story Teller from the Capital Area District Library. Participation in literacy activities will give families the chance to earn additional books and other great prizes.

Look for the RSVP form going home in the next couple of weeks!